Small Group Discussion Questions
Chester County

What is occurring in your communities which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?

- Technology improvement
- Ruby Payne training on poverty
- Safe and healthy schools
- School choices
- Interagency collaborating
- Leadership training
- After – school programs/ (YMCA, 21st Century, Scouts, Distance learning classes)
- Schools of choice(private, charter, fine arts, technology inquiry)
- Ruby Payne – Framework for understanding poverty (k-12)
- Foundation Support (Chamber, Sims, Lutz Springs/ Close SS Healthcare)
- Remediation Programs (before/after, during school supplemental services)
- Technology

What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?

- Lack of funding
- Teacher retention
- Matching facilities with curriculum needs
- Poverty
- Apathy
- Local economic conditions
- Trust
- Family structure
- Poverty
- Geographic (3attendance areas)
- Lack of industry
- Housing
- Understanding diversity/ building trust
- Transportation
- Political environment
- How education is valued in the culture
- Tax base

- Recruitment of teaches, etc.

List the five most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.
- Collaboration with community, interagency, and families
- District and community support for school
- Ongoing legislative support
- Promote / communicate our successes
- Retention of qualified teachers
- Build relationships between school, families, communities
- Pool resources and facilities
- Recognize student achievement in front of extra – curricular "captive" audiences.
- Recognize not all achievement is not " PACT" based- career centers

List the five most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.